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Application No.: 09/915,263 ) Examiner: B. Kifle  
Filed: July 27, 2001 )  
For: CYCLOALKYL, LACTAM, )  
LACTONE AND RELATED )  
COMPOUNDS, )  
PHARMACEUTICAL )  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
SAME, AND METHODS FOR )  
INHIBITING  $\beta$ -AMYLOID PEPTIDE )  
RELEASE AND/OR ITS SYNTHESIS )  
BY USE OF SUCH COMPOUNDS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir/Madam:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification: